



Hobson  
Street,  
1921

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#### c.44.6: Hobson Street

1899 09 25

Hobson Street chapel renovation, p3

**1900**

1903 12 23

An important property sale was conducted, consisting of various properties in Sidney Street, one of the most central and important positions in the business part of Cambridge. Naturally there was a large attendance and the bidding was spirited. It included the coachbuilder's factory of T. Hunnybun, including carriage showroom and harness-maker's shop. These were withdrawn but sold after the sale at a considerably enhanced price; we understand they will continue their business in Hobson Street. A draper's shop occupied by F. Blott found a purchaser at £3,600.

1904 04 21

Cambridge Paving Committee received a memorial from a number of residents in the Hobson Street area calling attention to the present state of the carriage-way. They directed the Surveyor to report the cost of paving the street with wood blocks, together with the portion of St Andrew's Street from the tramway terminus. But Hobson Street was used by very few people; traffic was not half what it used to be and as the trams were likely to be electrified it would be better to wait. However a great amount of traffic came from Newmarket Road to the centre of town down King Street; very often there was a great block of traffic in Sussex Street because it was dangerous to go down Hobson Street where the pebbles were very uneven. Traffic went on dropping, and business went on dropping, simply because the street was so badly paved

1906 02 02

A London carpenter was charged with driving a motor car at greater speed than was reasonable and proper. PC Aworth said he saw a car turn into Hobson Street, Cambridge and put on speed. "The car went 30 mph, if fact I never saw a motor car go faster", he said. In turning the corner at Sussex Street

the wheels went for some distance along the pavement. Harry Stearn, a photographer, said he was walking in the gutter and had to jump on the path to save himself. The driver was fined 50s. 06 02 02a

1907 09 24

Cambridge Automobile Company applied for a licence to store 1,000 gallons of petroleum and 200 lbs of carbide of calcium on their premises in Hobson Street. The petrol would be stored in an underground chamber, brick-built and lined with concrete. The Inspector of Explosives is satisfied so the council will recommend approval. 07 09 24a

1907 10 31

Fire mineral water works, Hobson Street – 07 10 31

1907 12 20

According to artists Santa Claus no longer drives his Russian sleigh; he is now more generally depicted in a magnificent motor car such as those from the Cambridge Automobile Company. Their works and garage in Hobson Street are open day and night, Sundays included, and all repairs effected by a staff of skilled mechanics. - 07 12 20

## ***1910***

1910 04 08

The first real flying machine ever delivered in Cambridge arrived at the Hobson Street garage of Cambridge Automobile and Engineering Company. It is an exact counterpart of the monoplane with which M. Bleriot flew across the channel. On Friday the engine, tractor and ignition were tested. It worked splendidly and developed great power, the screw creating a tremendous draught and exerting such a force that, although the machine had not its wings and tail fitted, it took half-a-dozen men to hold it down. 10 04 08a

1912 02 02

A new County Hall is needed. The existing clerk, a solicitor in private practice, works from his own office. The Education and Medical departments are on opposite sides of Sidney Street, the Finance Clerk in is Regent Street, the Architect in Hobson Street and the Surveyor in Hills Road. This is inconvenient and uneconomical and leads to inefficiency. 12 02 02h

1912 03 15

The County Council is to purchase Hobson Street Wesleyan Chapel and the adjoining house to build a Council Chamber and offices. The site is central and quiet and although the cost might appear to be high it would eventually result in a saving. There would be much greater efficiency to have all officials under one roof instead of them running backwards and forwards from one place to another. They would also need four less telephones, saving £30 12 03 15f

1912 07 26

Cambridgeshire County Council does not appoint its own clerk even though he has supreme control of the whole of the county business. Some councillors felt this would cause friction with various heads of department. But it should check extravagance, waste and overlapping which has been almost inevitable in the present state of affairs with separate departments based in different buildings around Cambridge. The new clerk will be a whole-time officer and the whole of the scattered staff will be directly under his supervision in the new County Hall to be constructed in Hobson Street. 12 07 26e

1912 08 09

The County Council had considered various sites for a new County Hall. The purchase price of Hobson Street Methodist Chapel was £3,500 (£324,000 today) which was fair. In the chapel they had a good deal of material and the shell and outside walls would stand and be utilised. But it would not be sufficient. So they needed to purchase a house from Christ's College; they were not desirous of selling and the price of £2,500 was the least they would accept. The erection of county hall would

increase the value of the other buildings in Hobson Street and help to bring a much-needed town improvement through the widening of Sussex Street. 12 08 09

1912 09 20

Hobson Street chapel was opened in 1849 by Wesleyans had previously met in a chapel in Fitzroy Street and a room in Green Street. It became a spiritual home for residents and undergraduates and was improved in 1891. But it has become inadequate. The Fitzroy Street chapel had become a jam warehouse but Hobson Street will be replaced by the new County Council offices. They will now meet in the Victoria Assembly Room until the new Wesley Chapel on Christ's Pieces is ready. 12 09 20c

1912 10 11

The laying of the foundation stone of the new Wesleyan Chapel adjoining Christ's Pieces to replace the old Hobson Street church marks an important epoch in Cambridge history. Built of white Bath stone, the style is Late Perpendicular and all the seats will be of oak. Thomas Ferns was handed a silver trowel by Mr Gunton, the architect, as a memento of the occasion but he did not use such a lovely object and took another to perform the ceremony. He was followed by Mrs Lavender, who was a young girl teacher when the stone was originally laid in Hobson Street. A bottle placed under the main stone states that the site was purchased in on 7th August 1903. 12 10 11 f & g 12 10 18b & c

1912 11 01

Wesley church bazaar raises final funds; publication of a shilling souvenir with all chapels in circuit and on Hobson Street Sunday School. The other compiled by Mrs Ryder, Hobson Street, who wrote to old ministers and asked for a shilling and a quotation. – 12 11 01h & i

1912 11 08

It was one of the noisiest 'rags' seen for some years, for the introduction of a variety of bomb-firework, which gives a report louder than a rifle shot, more than compensated for the fewer Varsity men than usual. The liveliest scene occurred in King Street where the crowd were attracted by the sight of the hoarding outside the partly-demolished Hobson Street Chapel. Instead they turned their attention array of woodwork in connection with the building of the new Wesleyan Chapel near Christ's Pieces, but this was strongly guarded by police. Another battle broke out in Grange Road where some 400 undergraduates damaged the fence around Mr Ebenezer Smith's garden. 12 11 08a & b

1913 12 19

Plans for alterations at the rear of the Guildhall were shelved after the Ratepayers Association raised a petition. They had to face a loss on the trams, the Borough Bill, Chesterton footbridge and other improvements and as the Colleges were building rapidly the town landladies found it hard to pay their rates. Now the County Council had decided to build their new offices in Hobson Street. They had been debating since 1907 and all the expense and time had been worthless. But the Free Library was over-crowded and disease was spread in libraries where people were constantly sitting together 13 12 19 p7

1914 02 06

At the opening of the new County Hall in Hobson Street the chairman thanked the Town Council for allowing them to use their council chamber and committee rooms for the past 25 years. In 1747 the old Shire Hall had been built on Market Hill above arches where butchers had their stalls on market days. In 1842 this passed to the town when a new Shire Hall at Castle Hill was ready for occupation. But the enormous development of administrative business had now brought the County Council again into the centre to this new commodious and economical building, finally bringing together departments previously distributed in all parts of the town. 14 02 06, a-c

1916 03 15

Cambridge Automobile and Engineering Company new works on corner Hobson St & Sidney Street – profile – 16 03 15h, advert 26 03 08g

1919 06 25

Property market \_ Sidney Street estate includes Price of Wales' Hotel, Dorothy Café, True Blue and Nag's Head, shops in Sussex Street and premises Hobson Street; bought by G.P. Hawkins; also houses, Duxford airfield machinery and plant – 19 06 25b

**1920**

1920 01 14

Cambridge Picture Playhouse Ltd annual, meeting to alter articles of Association; have acquired site in Sidney St & Hobson St where propose to erect fine new building – 20 01 14a

1921 03 30

Corporation refuse plans for conversion Automobile Company premises in Hobson Street into a kinema; Picture Playhouse Company to appeal over their plans for cinema in Sidney Street – 21 03 30j

1922 02 08

Licences of Volunteer in Green Street, Old Nag's Head Hobson St, Brickmaker's Arms Newmarket Road, Cross Keys in Saxon St held over – probably redundant – 22 02 08

1923 01 04

The Rendezvous was the scene of a most enjoyable function when about 60 members of the staff and friends of the Central Cinema in Hobson Street, Cambridge, were entertained to a supper dance by the directors of the Cinema. The proceedings commenced at 11 o'clock with a supper. Mr L.A. Boulter (Wardour Film Co) said he considered the Central Cinema one of the best equipped cinemas in the Eastern Counties. The company then adjourned to the dance hall for dancing and games which were kept up until 4.30 on Wednesday morning

1923 10 12

The long-awaited for reopening of the Central Cinema, Hobson Street, Cambridge, took place in the presence of a good attendance. This popular house of amusement had so established itself with the lovers of the silent drama that its temporary withdrawal from the ranks of amusement caterers has caused no little concern. Not a few patrons felt that if a particular film did not altogether appeal to them, there was always a good orchestra to listen to, and this is doubtless one of the secrets of the Central's success. Under the renewed direction of Miss Norma Thomson the orchestra is better than ever, and some distinctly appropriate music was played with skill and efficiency.

1924 05 29

At Cambridge council Alderman Starr said a number of buildings in Hobson Street were coming down. It would make it a 40 feet road and they believed it would eventually become a very important thoroughfare. Unfortunately they were up against a very difficult problem at the Sidney Street end because they had a bank on one side and a college on the other. But this was really a safety point because converging traffic would have a slight obstacle to pull them up

1927 09 24

Damage estimated at £2,000 was caused by a fire which broke out at the Cambridge Motor Service Co. Hobson Street. The night watchman found that motor cycle department, which also stored several cars, was alight and among the vehicles which were badly burned were a Bugatti racing car, an Austin Seven, a Trojan van and a number of motor cycles and bicycles. Some people returning from the New Theatre were attracted down Hobson Street and watched the Fire Brigade at work.

1928 04 28

Less than 20 years ago I was doing journalistic work in a Hobson Street office. In those days there was no County Hall opposite, nor talk of one. It was begun only 15 years ago and if anyone had been asked how long it would remain the County Council headquarters he might have answered 'A hundred years at least'. But so great has been the extra work thrown on the Council that already the building has been outgrown and plans are now to be prepared for a new building on the Castle Hill site. There are now 86 officials and ratepayers may ask if such an army of officers are really necessary

1929 01 28

The County Architect presented sketch plans for a new building on the Cambridge castle site, containing office accommodation, with council chamber, library and storerooms. It was futile to prepare plans for their existing needs when it was practically certain that under the new Local Government Bill they would have a large amount of additional work thrown upon them. Mr Dunn had erected the present County Hall in Hobson Street & was able to compete with the best architects in the country with regard to a beautiful scheme and a beautiful building. But if he was forced to collaborate with another architect there would be delays and they would never get the building erected.

1929 04 27

Cambridge to have a modern caravanserie matched the modern splendours of Oxford St & Regent street where a thousand people may dine without strain on the service & dance too if they are so minded, a place of dignity & comfort & of surpassing resource. The old Dorothy cafe is to disappear - not so very old though as a modern restaurant - & a building of 3 storeys spanning space between Sidney St & Hobson street. Ground floor entrance Sidney St is shop & showroom & on eastern side a dining hall or restaurant. Principal staircase to first floor will be from hall at Hobson street entrance & access to a dance hall with black hornbeam floor on springs. This accommodation for 320 diners at a public banquet but specially prepared for dancing for 450 at once. At western end another dining hall. Another on second floor, seat 80, suitable private dinner of clubs & organisations. perhaps this will be the oak room which intention of Hawkins to decorate; also roof garden looking across to gardens of Christ's College. Nags Head inn will not disappear but be given place in the basement. Will take 18 months but Hobson Street side will be completed before start made with Sidney St front to ensure restaurant open throughout

**1930**

1930 01 15

An application was made for the winding up of the Cambridge Service Motor Company of Hobson Street. It had been incorporated as a private company in 1923, taking over the Service Motor Company engineering business. Their account was considerably overdrawn for much of its existence and it now had an overdraft of £6,744. The assets consisted of a number of used motor-cars of no great value. It was unable to pay its debts and should be wound up. 30 01 15 & 15a

1930 01 21

There was a return of undergraduate hooliganism when hundreds of 'Varsity men rushed one of the entrances of the Central Cinema in Hobson Street in an attempt to see the extraordinary British talkie 'High Treason'. The trouble arose with those who had booked their seats. The orderliness of the queue became disorganised through latecomers surging round the entrance and when the door was thrown open a dense and disorderly crowd surged forward like an avalanche. The attendants attempted to stem the tide but were bruised in their struggle to stop in inevitable onrush. "Such a thing has never occurred before; the undergraduates were undoubtedly the cause, they think they can do as they like. We never had all this fuss in the vacation and we had full houses then", the manager said. 30 01 21

1930 03 19

Demolition work has just begun on the Sidney Street corner of Sussex Street as a first step towards the most important reconstruction scheme for the improvement of Cambridge in many years. Sidney Sussex College will develop the whole site on modern lines; within the next year an imposing block

of buildings, providing shops and offices will rise. It will be connected to Hobson Street by an artistically-designed crescent and colonnade of 12 shops which will allow vehicles to pass freely in the middle of Sussex Street. 30 03 19b

1930 03 27

Cambridge Motor Service Company had taken over a firm of motor engineers and garage proprietors in Hobson Street and hoped to acquire the business of Hunnybun and Son, coachbuilders and painters. Then in 1927 they spent £2,000 to purchase a large stock of electric lamps which were being retailed at a considerable profit. But the British Thompson-Houston Company issued a writ and the present stock of lamps was now valueless. In addition the depression in the motor trade for used cars and dealings in sports cars for which there was at one time a good demand among undergraduates had contributed to their failure. 30 03 27a & b

1930 10 11

For the past few months workmen have been engaged in constructing Cambridge's new Central Cinema in Hobson Street. The interior is decorated in a style reminiscent of the Regal Super Cinema at Marble Arch. The prevailing colours are mauve, orange and blue and the whole is surmounted by a dome in the form of a large star surrounded by sky effects. On each of the walls there are large panels with ornamental plastering surmounted by a design in the form of sunrise and illuminated by hidden lights. 30 10 11

1930 10 13

Crowds thronged Hobson Street endeavouring to gain admission to the opening of the new Central Cinema. Many were unsuccessful. The Mayor gave a civic blessing to the picture house: it was appropriate because the assessment value of the property would go up and Hobson Street was going to pay a large contribution to the rates. The film was Harold Lloyd's first talkie 'Welcome Danger'. 30 10 13

1931 09 04

Inquiries by the News confirm that the Central Cinema in Hobson Street is perfectly sound, despite rumours to the contrary. As part of the building is over the old King's Ditch, special attention was paid to the concrete foundations and reinforced with steel. The balcony, designed to carry 500 people, will take 2,000. The whole building is as sound today as it was when completed nearly 12 months ago. The only possible work is the renewal of some of the decorations as these were applied to wet plaster. 31 09 04e

1932 07 15

The new Shire Hall was opened with little ceremony in the presence of a handful of people. The Architect (H.H. Dunn) presented the Chairman, Ald W.C. Jackson, with a gold-covered key engraved with the County Arms with which he unlocked the door. Soon a stream of guest arrived and the corridors presented a most animated appearance. The council chamber is very similar to that at the old County Hall in Hobson Street from which all the seats and tables have been removed while every care has been taken to provide the maximum air, light and spaciousness to the offices. 32 07 15e & f

1933 07 31

The old County Hall in Hobson Street was supposed to be sold with the proceeds being used to pay for the new Shire Hall on Castle Hill. But now little tin advertising 'To Let' signs had appeared and there didn't seem to be the slightest attempt to sell it, a councillor complained. But every effort had been made to dispose of it without success and they were now hoping to let a portion to the Government's Office of Works which would suit the council equally as well as a sale. 33 07 31

1933 12 30

Chesterton RDC is to transfer their headquarters from St John's Street to a floor of the old County Hall in Hobson Street. It is possible the new West Cambs RDC would also take offices and share the council chamber. Councillors decided that six houses at Rooks Lane, Cottenham were slum property

and should be demolished as should four cottages in Lambs Lane even though they were watertight and the owner, who was over 80, spent most of his old age pension in keeping them in repair. 33 12 30

1934 08 11  
Demolition corner Hobson Street – Sidney Street pic, p1

1935 02 02  
In the gale of January 26th an ancient and somewhat decrepit sycamore in the Sidney Sussex College Fellows' Garden was blown down. This tree was the last survivor of an avenue of sycamores planted in 1607-8 along the east side of that part of the King's Ditch which crossed the college grounds from the end of Hobson Street to Jesus Lane and thence along the side of Park Street. In the college accounts are payments to Thomas Hobson, the carrier, 'for bringing the sycamore trees from London ... iiis. xd' 35 02 02

1935 12 10  
A local history exhibition in the Central Library Reference Room in connection with the Local Government Centenary Celebrations shows how Cambridge looked in days gone by. Schoolchildren are showing the greatest interest as they make tours of the exhibits. Photographs show the changes more vividly than anything: it is hard to believe that the Hobson Street pictured is the same one today. Political broadsheets from the 1840s comment on the 'horrible extravagance' of police expenditure and hint that all was not well with the painting of the inside of the Council Chamber - it advises local painters to have nothing to do with the job. 35 12 10

1936 03 28  
Under new restrictions Cambridge motorists may not travel from Market Hill towards Trinity Street or into Bene't Street from King's Parade. You may not drive into Sussex Street from Hobson Street or into Corn Exchange Street from Downing Street, nor turn at Burton's Corner, Petty Cury to go to the Victoria Cinema or from Wheeler Street into Peas Hill to get to the Arts Theatre. But cyclists may walk with their bicycles either way as they do at present in Petty Cury and Market Street. Restaurants will have to speed up their service if they wish to cater for those who leave their cars outside, for only a quarter of an hour is permitted. Travellers who do not want to get indigestion had better make use of a parking space! 36 03 28b

1938 03 22  
One-way traffic, Hobson St deleted from scheme, Perne Road roundabout – 38 03 22d

1939 04 25  
The Central Cinema, Hobson Street, was burnt to a shell in the early hours of the morning. Only the fire-proof operating box, the foyer, crush hall and some of the back stalls remain intact. Firemen hauled hoses up to the roof of the Dorothy Café and from the high ladder of the Merryweather turntable in Hobson Street P.C. Kelly poured another stream of water on to the flames. But after an hour-and-a-half the roof fell in amid a shower of sparks. There was concern about Christ's College chapel where the roof had been removed because of damage done by the death watch beetle and only a tarpaulin covered the wooden ceiling. But a shower of rain helped to prevent it catching alight 39 04 25a, b

## 1940

1945 11 27  
Americans entertain voluntary helpers at Red Cross Services Club to mark closure of the Doughnut Dugout in Hobson St – 45 11 27

1949 08 26

There was an atmosphere of spontaneous gaiety at the birthday celebrations of the Central Cinema, Hobson St, Cambridge. The highlight of the evening was the personal appearance on the stage of Mrs Morrow-Tait, immediately after the newsreel showing her arrival in this country following her round-the-world air journey.

## 1950

1951 01 27

Cambridge council agreed that parking spaces should be marked out in Parkside and Gonville Place and also that the paths on Parker's Piece in front of Regent Terrace should be used. Ald James said: We have to find odd spaces to put cars and if anyone can suggest any we shall be only too glad to implement those suggestions. Coun Proctor drew attention to the difficulties if proposal to use Hobson Street as a car park were implemented. It was a very narrow street and even now, with vans frequently unloading there, it was "a nightmare" for drivers of heavy vehicles who went through the street continuously

1954 03 01

County councillors voted to proceed with their original plan for the new Shire Hall courts building. They also need to get their Town Planning people transferred from Hobson Street and must have further accommodation for the County Library, which is one of the finest – if not the finest – in England. Suggestions for putting another floor on the present Shire Hall would never be satisfactory. Services would be upset for about two years, the whole of the heating apparatus would have to be altered and it would cost nearly £70,000. There were plans for the basement to be used as offices but to put clerks down there would be like putting them in prison.

1954 04 30

A new tower being built at Christ's College, Hobson Street, Cambridge was slightly damaged by fire. It is believed to have been caused by heat from a small fire used for copper soldering which ignited the scaffolding and the base of the new tower. The builders working on the tower could not get down. It was well alight and the fire was beginning to spread into the college when the brigade arrived. A major pump, pump escape and turntable ladder were used to extinguish the blaze and they had it under control in eight minutes

1954 08 13

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Lloyd's Bank in Cambridge. In 1804 two brothers named Foster who were already trading as millers established a bank in Bridge Street. In 1835 they transferred to the Turk's Head in Trinity Street and opened branches in St Ives, Saffron Walden and Ely. In those days two members of staff were boarded on the premises, one sleeping on a bed in front of the strong room armed with a rusty sword. At no time was the building left unattended. In 1890 they acquired a site at the junction of Hobson Street and a new building in Renaissance style was opened in 1894. The Capital and Counties Bank took them over in 1904 and 14 years later they amalgamated with Lloyd's. In 1919 the two offices were merged and the Sidney Street premises chosen as the main branch. In 1935 a considerable extension was built on the corner site

1956 03 24

Miller's Music Shop began a 100 years ago when Mr A.T. Miller opened a workshop in Hobson Street as an organ builder and piano repairer. The family home was above his wife's millinery shop in Sidney Street and one of the rooms was opened as a pianoforte showroom. His son introduced the sale of instruments and sheet music and later came harmoniums, gramophones, radio and television and now electronic organs and tape recorders. 56 03 24d

1959 03 20

Cyril Ridgeon and Son, builders' merchants gave a luncheon to inaugurate their new Regent Street showroom. The shop was formerly occupied by Messrs Murdoch's and the transformation from musical instruments to household equipment is striking. The lower ground floor is devoted to a

display of bathroom suites, the ground floor to tiled fireplaces and the first to kitchen requirements. They were literally bulging at the seams at Hobson Street but the new store is comparable with something in London, guests were told. 59 03 20b

**1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings files from this date**

**1960**

1964 09 17

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Hobson Street – 64 09 17b-e

1965 10 08

Frederick Morley's working man's stores Hobson St, Bridge St, Fitzroy St – photos – 65 10 08c

1965 10 22

County Hall, Hobson Street, offices to rent – 65 10 22a

1966 02 05

Hobson Street scaffolding for extension Marks & Spencer – photo – 66 02 05

1967 03 30

Lloyds Bank moving district office from Hobson Street to Brooklands Avenue building that housed Gt Ouse River Authority – 67 03 30

**1970**

1971 02 06

County Hall Hobson Street may be sold by county council to raise money for new offices behind Shire Hall – 71 02 06

1972 03 24

It was "eyes down" for the first time last night in Cambridge's new £10,000 bingo hall which will offer enthusiasts an almost non-stop programme throughout afternoons and evenings six days a week. The bingo hall which can accommodate nearly 1,000 players at a single sitting, is in the converted former Central Cinema in Hobson Street

1977 01 15

The Central EMI Bingo and Social Club, a converted cinema in Hobson Street, Cambridge, could quite comfortably have found a place in the zaniest of science fiction movies – with its brash psychedelic mish-mash of colours and huge electrically operated board that rises high behind the caller. The four-year-old club has 10,000 members and is an addict's paradise – open every afternoon and evening except Sunday and with hundreds of pounds at stake at each session. On Saturday the club linked up by phone to the EMI club in Oxford for a game which boasted a £400 jackpot. In the few seconds between games people dashed for the fruit machine which spills out its £30 jackpot in 50p pieces

**1980**

1983 07 01

The County Hall office block in Hobson Street which houses a major section of the county council's social services department may be sold to Christ's College for £1.25 million and converted into student accommodation. It would be one of the biggest property deals in the much sought-after city centre location for years. Scores of council officials would be moved into the new offices planned at the back of Shire Hall. 83 07 01 p1

1986 07 16

Cambridge planners rejected proposals to demolish the Victoria Cinema at Market Hill and replace it with a Marks and Spencer superstore. It would deprive many people of a first-class city centre entertainments facility, the shopping proposal was contrary to development plans and it would result in added traffic congestion. But they might change their minds if Cannon reopened the Central Cinema in Hobson Street instead of using it as a bingo hall or provided a new multi-screen cinema 86 07 16

1986 08 18

EastEnders star Anita Dobson, the famous landlady of the TV show's 'Queen Vic' pub proved a powerful pulling attraction at the Coral Social Club in Cambridge where some 400 bingo players gathered to see her in the flesh. Fans cheered and queued for autographs when the actress arrived at the Hobson Street club. She called the shows 'Dirty Den' a 'rat' but said "We have a very good on-screen relationship. I'm going to string him up at Christmas. The real Den is a lovely nice person". The event was a lead-up for the club's refurbishment as a cabaret club in November 86 08 18

1989 08 05

The Government has rejected plans for a massive office block at Mitcham's Corner. But there is still a steady trade in office space. Those in old buildings without car park parking space are difficult to shift. But bright new ones are easier to find. In Rose Crescent an 18-year lease is going for £65,000 and an eight-room office in Hobson Street is £15,000 a year. Kett House is under offer and an office above the Midland Bank has just been let while in Newmarket is a brand new Stourbridge Common Business Centre 89 08 05